

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, lines 2-25, delete the entire Section 1 and replace it with the following:

--1. Related Application Data

This application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/181,741, filed February 11, 2000, and titled "Invention Interview Process," that is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Amend the paragraph appearing on page 6, lines 11-16 as follows:

The invention generally relates to a method for interviewing one or more inventors to identify information relating to an invention, enhancing the invention through a structured interview, and documenting the output of the invention interview in a systematic way to accurately and comprehensively define the potential intellectual property space that the invention covers. The method of the invention also facilitates the creation of an invention disclosure document, provisional patent application, or utility patent application. For a further understanding of the present invention and its context, it may be desirable to review the following related U.S. patent applications, each of which is incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/781,365, filed February 12, 2001 and entitled "Process for Facilitating the Conception of Inventions in a Directed Manner;" U.S. Application Serial No. 09/781,368, filed February 12, 2001 and entitled "Network Based System and Method for Facilitating the Conception of Inventions in a Directed Manner;" U.S. Application Serial No. 09/781,362, filed February 12, 2001 and entitled "Automated IP Tracking System and Method;" and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/766,456, filed January 19, 2001 and entitled "Scanning Invention Process."

Amend the paragraph appearing on page 10, lines 8-12 as follows:

Points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are encircled in Figure 3. Point 1 represents the starting point in this aspect of the invention. Point 1 shows a brief description of marker 201, representing the concept of the invention as it has been established upon completion of the method described in

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Section 6.2.1. The ink level in the dry erase marker can be viewed through a clear plastic window 307 along the side of the marker body 301305.

Amend the paragraph appearing on page 10, lines 21-26 as follows:

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Similarly, the question "Why is point 2 important?" results in the observation by the inventor that the user needs to avoid running out of fluid during a presentation. This observation points to a problem: how to prevent ink from running out. The identification of the problem leads to a solution: a secondary ink fluid reserve tank that allows a fixed short amount of writing time and shown as point 3 uses a penetrable ink bladder 313314 activated by pressing a button 314315 on the dry erase marker body.

Amend the paragraph appearing on page 11, lines 17-23 as follows:

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Referring again to Figure 3, asking the question "How is point 1 achieved?" elicits point 4, which is a more detailed explanation of the original invention 301. Point 4 solves a new problem of how to create a window in a plastic cylinder. Point 4 provides a potentially patentable plastic mold 304A/304B and/or molding process comprising an inner solid cylinder 310 and an outer hinged cylinder 311 with a metal insert 313312 arranged such that when plastic flows into the space between the inner and outer cylinders, an open region is formed into which a clear plastic window is inserted.

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